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SUBJECT: HUMAN RIGHTS CASE (BOGADO GONDRA, BASILIO)

1. BASILIO BOGADO GONDRA, A PARAGUAYAN LAWYER, APPEARED AT THE EMBASSY TODAY. HE EXPLAINED THAT, AFTER ESCAPING POLITICAL IMPRISONMENT IN PARAGUAY AND AFTER SPENDING 6 MONTHS IN ASYLUM IN THE PANAMANIAN EMBASSY IN ASUNCION, HE HAD ARRIVED IN PANAMA A FEW DAYS AGO EN ROUTE TO CARACAS, WHERE HE WAS BEING GRANTED ASYLUM BY VENEZUELA. HE SAID HIS BROTHER, JUAN FELIX BOGADO GONDRA, A DOCTOR, IS CURRENTLY A POLITICAL PRISONER IN PARAGUAY. UNDER TORTURE, THE BROTHER REPORTEDLY "CONFESSED" TO BEING A COMMUNIST, IMPLICATED SEVERAL OTHERS IN "SUBVERSIVE" ACTIVITIES, AND WAS SENTENCED TO FOUR YEARS AND SEVEN MONTHS IMPRISONMENT. BOGADO GONDRA CLAIMED TO HAVE KNOWN AMBASSADOR WHITE IN PARAGUAY AND THAT AMBASSADOR WHITE WAS FAMILIAR WITH HIS CASE. HE ASKED THE EMBASSY TO PASS ON TO AMBASSADOR WHITE HIS DEEP APPRECIATION FOR HIS SINCERE SYMPATHY AND INTEREST IN HIS CASE, AND TO REQUEST THAT EMBASSY ASUNCION MONITOR THE CASE OF HIS BROTHER.
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